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Ms. Eva M. Plaza  
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Housing and Urban Development  
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Ms. Plaza,

I am writing this letter to you because I feel that I am being discriminated against and purposely made to remain in an unsatisfactory situation. A situation that impacts directly on my *quality of life*! I currently reside in an apartment complex in which my apartment is in the rear of the building. I have waited patiently for an apartment in the front, or that faces the street. The "H" building which caught fire last year is currently under reconstruction and will be available within the next month. Outside the apartment in which I currently reside there is considerable drug activity and every night when I come home I have to "wade" through drug dealings. My apartment was broken into twice. Many times when I come home there are people sitting on my porch smoking crack. I am concerned for my safety.

Currently, I go for mental health counseling at a local mental health clinic. I have a prescription for thorazine to "calm my nerves". Every night, just under my bedroom window there is constant drug activity and people banging on the neighbor's door. I requested to move to a nicer apartment in the "front". The officials at the Carteret Housing told me that they had my application for a change of apartment.

Those same officials have indicated to me that; "we have it reserved for another purpose." I would submit to you that the other purpose is to accommodate certain "favored" residents who want a "newer" apartment! While I am being told that I cannot move to improve my situation. I definitely feel that this constitutes a discriminatory action. I would very much like for you to look into this and consider helping me to remedy this situation. I have no where else to turn except for your agency. I work in a minimum wage job and have no other alternative than to live in public housing.

All I want to do is to improve my living conditions. The director public housing, Mr. Fox has said, "there's not too much drug activity in the back where you live." Either he is unaware of the situation or deliberately attempting to minimize the problems to safeguard his funding. Another former resident who also lived in the back had to move out of the housing projects for the same reasons. They (the housing authority) refused to allow a person to move to better living conditions.

Because of this situation I request to file a formal complaint and seek immediate relief. I realize that I cannot be moving from apartment to apartment and as a fact have moved only one other time while living here. I would also request that you place this correspondence on file. I sincerely believe that upon hearing of this complaint, I may be evicted by the local housing authority.

Sincerely,

William Freiwald

CC: Hud Regional Office